

IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED OFFICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the National fees and examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International Application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pages 1 through 8, line 1 : Delete the text "Text for foreign filings" from all pages of the application.

Page 1, line 2 : Delete "[Title of the Invention];"

lines 4-6 : Delete in their entirety, i.e., "[Detailed Description....Application];"

lines 10 and 11: Delete in their entirety, i.e., "[0002...Art]" and replace with -- **Background of the Invention** -- (Centered on the line);

lines 24 and 33: Delete in their entirety, i.e., "[0003]" and [0004].

Page 2, line 10 : Delete "[0005];"

line 11 : Delete "[Problem to be Resolved by the Invention];"

line 17 : Delete "[0006];"

line 18 : Delete "[Means for Resolving the Problem]" and replace